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11 - MISSION STATEMENT

The Northwest Interagency Coordination Center (NWCC) serves as the focal point for providing intelligence and logistical support relating to on-going and anticipated wildland fire activity for all Federal and cooperating State wildland fire suppression agencies in the northwest geographic area. NWCC facilitates the movement of resources between Agencies' Units, while it ensures the Units' continued fire suppression capabilities to support large fire potential by monitoring weather and prescribed fire activity within the area. NWCC also responds to requests for support from other geographic areas through the National Interagency Coordination Center at Boise, ID.

NWCC also plays a significant role in providing logistical support to all-risk incidents such as earthquakes, floods, volcano eruptions, and other natural disasters.

11.2 PRIORITIES

When competition for resources exists within the Northwest Area, the Northwest Coordination Center Manager, Emergency Operations Manager, or Geographic Area Multi-Agency Coordination Group (MAC) will establish priorities.

Refer to the National Mobilization Guide for specific criteria items, Section 11.2.B.

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12 - SCOPE OF OPERATION.

12.1 GENERAL

The NORTHWEST MOBILIZATION GUIDE is a supplement to the National Mobilization Guide. The Mobilization Guide is an extension of AGENCY MANUAL/HANDBOOK SYSTEMS, DIRECTIVES and INSTRUCTION MEMORANDUMS relating to logistical support operations to provide dispatching policies, procedures and organization; a directory, and a catalog of personnel, equipment, aircraft and supplies, in order to assist in obtaining timely and cost-effective incident support services, in order to ensure control of all fires within prescribed standards. The Guide will be updated annually by June First.

The NWCC Center Manager has delegated authority by Northwest Federal Land Management Agencies to mobilize aircraft, personnel, and equipment throughout the Northwest and the Nation for incident emergencies or pre-suppression needs.

12.1.1 FEDERAL RESPONSE PLAN

Cooperating Agencies of the Northwest Area will normally function in a supportive role in coordinating responses to emergencies and incidents of a nature other than wildfire. An Agency may take the lead role for purposes of expediency in life-ordeath situations, or when non-Government Emergency Service Programs are not capable of providing the service. Specific agency policies will provide direction to determine the availability of resources, in conjunction with existing programs, to support and cooperate with local authorities and organizations.

12.2 RESPONSIBILITIES OF NORTHWEST COORDINATION CENTER:

- 1. Provide a Center for information concerning the overall fire situation in the Northwest Area including, but not limited to, fire danger, the number of fires, and the number of personnel and equipment committed to fires.
- 2. Determine the amounts and locations of available overhead, other personnel, equipment, aircraft, transportation, and supplies. Establish criteria and priorities for sharing available resources.
- 3. Coordinate the movement of personnel, equipment, aircraft and supplies from one Unit or Area of Federal Land Management Agencies and Cooperators to another within and outside the Northwest Area. Provide coordination between other Geographic Areas concerning pre-suppression needs.
 - 4. Coordinate with Agency Directors of Fire and Aviation Management, or designated alternates, to

determine priorities for personnel, equipment, aircraft and supplies when multiple-fire situations make it difficult to fill all requests for assistance.

- 5. Keep Federal Land Management Agency Heads, Supervisors, Chief's Office(s), NICC, and Cooperators informed of current and critical fire situations and major fires. Establish needs and priorities for resource allocation.
- 6. Develop and maintain an accurate summary of crew assignments to fire suppression and prescribed fire projects so that crew use can be weighed against the desired delivery time, and transportation efficiency and economy.
- 7. Provide liaison between ordering Units and Fire Caches on equipment needs and delivery methods.
- 8. Recommend to Agency Directors of Fire and Aviation Management the suspension of prescribed burns and control of management fires during critical fire conditions, or during rapid reduction in suppression resources.
- 9. Monitor dispatch organizations for compliance in meeting dispatch standards.
- 10. Participate in Fire Close-outs and in the analysis of coordination and dispatch activities.
- 11. Maintain a list of interagency equipment use rates through an interagency committee.
- 12. Assist with movement between Units of fire management resources, for prescribed fire or other project work, through the Resource Order system.
- 13. Provide leadership in training programs to facilitate current dispatch and coordination needs.
- 14. Publish tours of duty and staffing levels for the various suppression resources in Specific Action and Readiness Guide(s). Negotiate requested deviations from planned actions with host Units and Agencies.
- 15. Determine needs to preposition suppression resources at the most strategic locations, and initiate moves through issuance of Resource Orders to host Units.

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12.3 RESPONSIBILITIES OF FIELD DISPATCH UNITS:

- 1. Responsible for all initial attack dispatch.
- 2. Responsible for mobilizing and dispatching of Agency funded and based resources.
- 3. Ensure adequate staffing of all incidents through the Unit's dispatch system.
- 4. Ensure that the Unit is prepared on a daily basis to meet fire suppression needs.
- 5. Inform the Northwest Coordination Center of any anticipated critical fire situations or fire activity that may exhaust the Units' capabilities.
- 6. Maintain a written log of all suppression activities up to the time that formal Resource Order dispatch begins, and continue the log on essential items not covered by Resource Orders.
- 7. Maintain a record of the locations of personnel, equipment and aircraft during pre-suppression activities.
- 8. Be responsible for administrative details for shared resources which are based on a Unit; i.e., training, Contracting Officer's Representative as appropriate, discipline, housing, timekeeping, equipment, supplies, and project work.
- 9. Provide Northwest Coordination Center with incident status information on all large fires on a daily basis.
- 10. Ensure that ${\bf FULLY}$ ${\bf QUALIFIED}$ or ${\bf APPROVED}$ ${\bf TRAINEE}$ personnel are assigned to expanded dispatch organizations in a timely manner.
- 11. Ensure that all Resource Orders for personnel are filled with **FULLY QUALIFIED** or **APPROVED TRAINEE** personnel.
- 12. Determine needs for pre-positioning suppression resources, or for deviations from published staffing levels. Additional shared resources which are needed will be requested on a Resource Order through the normal dispatch channels, with the concurrence of the Northwest Coordination Center.

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12.4 NWCC - OFFICE STAFFING

The Northwest Coordination Center Office will be staffed seven days a week during fire season (normally Memorial Day weekend through mid-September) from 0700 to 1800 hrs. During periods of heavy incident activity, NWCC will be staffed 24 hours a day. After-hours activity will be handled by a NWCC duty officer through the year-round answering service.

12.5 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

12.5.1 SPILLS/UNAUTHORIZED DISPOSAL - WARNING: DO NOT APPROACH!

In the event of a Hazardous Material (Haz Mat) spill, release, or unauthorized disposal, the **UNIT DISPATCHER** will notify the **UNIT HAZ MAT COORDINATOR** and relay the following information:

- (1) Name and Telephone Number of Reporter;
- (2) Time and Type of incident;
- (3) Material and Quantity;
- (4) Location; and
- (5) Cleanup Status (include, e.g., injuries, possible hazards to human health or environment).

If the severity of the situation warrants further action.

the UNIT DISPATCHER or UNIT HAZ MAT COORDINATOR should notify the appropriate $\frac{\text{Agency Hazardous}}{\text{Agency NWCC}}$ should notify the appropriate $\frac{\text{Material Coordinator}}{\text{as well as advise NWCC}}$ of actions taken.

OFFICE

* "AGENCY" HAZARDOUS MATERIAL COORDINATOR

AGENCY

USFS	Joe Stutler	541-504-7204
BLM	Bill Murphy Vacant Criminal Investigator	503-808-6064
BIA	June Boynton Cell	503-231-6749 503-515-2503
NPS	Mark Forbes Oil/Chemical Spills Pgr 1 Steve Mitchell, Pacific West Regional Haza	510-817-1376
<u>FWL</u>	•	503-231-6223 503-231-6223 vice notifications are made s or the U. S. Coast Guard)

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*The AGENCY HAZARDOUS MATERIAL COORDINATOR will notify appropriate AGENCY HEADS as necessary. In addition, if the severity of the situation warrants further action, the Agency Hazardous Material Coordinator will notify the following:

-- NATIONAL RESPONSE CENTER

U. S. COAST GUARD (HQ Duty Officer) WASHINGTON, D. C.

<u>PHONE</u>: 1-800-424-8802

*** Refer to Other Specialists, Chapter 50 (page 50-89)

12.5.2 AIRCRAFT TRANSPORT OF HAZARDOUS MATERIAL - GENERAL

The objective of the aviation transport of hazardous materials program is to ensure the safety of flight. A hazardous material is a substance or material, which has been determined by the Secretary of Transportation to be capable of posing an unreasonable risk to health, safety and property when transported in commerce. Refer to the Hazardous Materials Table for known hazards (49 CFR, Part 172.101). By contacting the manufacturer of a product and requesting a Material Safety Data Sheet, one can obtain information on the contents of a product suspected of containing hazardous materials. The Shipper must declare hazardous material contents to the carrier, and certify that transport standards are met. TRANSPORT OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS IS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CARRIER. It is recommended that, whenever possible, Units ship hazardous materials via a commercial freight carrier, and send the Operator via a commercial or charter airline. Declaration of content of hazardous material is also required when it is to be transported on Government owned aircraft.

Haz Mat Handbook/Guide: Refer to "Aviation Transport of
Hazardous Materials" Interagency, DOI Office of Aircraft
Services, USDA Forest Service, Jan. 1999 (NFES 1068).
This Handbook is available from NIFC, Great Basin Cache,
and on the Internet at:

http://205.173.2.4/library/hazmattoc.htm. It establishes the program for interagency aviation transport of hazardous materials in aircraft under the exclusive direction and control of the FS or DOI. The Guide applies to field operations such as projects and fire operations. It does not apply to commercial aircraft operations, or any commercial airline under charter, even when used to transport fire personnel. Aircraft are considered "commercial aircraft" whenever the aircraft is transporting any cargo or passengers for other than official government business. For these types of operations, all the requirements of *49 CFR 175 (or the International Civil Aviation Organization Technical Instructions) must be complied with.

*TO OBTAIN 49 CFR 175

Order Publication 49 CFR 100 through 177, Stock No. 869-007-0018805, price approximately \$28.00, And send the purchase order to:

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U.S. Government Printing Office
Washington, DC 20402-9325

12.5.3 AIRCRAFT TRANSPORT OF COMPRESSED GAS - (ARGON, HELIUM, ETC.)

Please refer to "Aviation Transport of Hazardous Materials", described above, (Chapter 9, Compressed Gasses and Liquids) when utilizing aircraft under the exclusive direction and control of DOI or FS. Compressed gas cylinders must be labeled on the outside with the appropriate DOT Hazardous Materials warning label, and be securely fastened in an area with adequate ventilation. Irritants such as bear repellant should be transported in an external compartment or be in a separate, sealed container. When utilizing commercial aircraft, all requirements of 49 CFR 175 must be met.

12.5.4 AIRCRAFT TRANSPORT OF GASOLINE POWERED EQUIPMENT, CHAINSAWS, FUEL TANKS AND CONTAINERS

Please refer to "Aviation Transport of Hazardous Materials", described above, (Chapter 4, Liquid Fuels) when utilizing aircraft under the exclusive direction and control of DOI or FS. Fuel containers and packaging should be constructed to meet specifications of DOT (49 CFR 173) and marked with "DOT

Flammable Liquid" warning labels. Space should be left in the containers to allow for the expansion of the fuel. Batteries, battery fluids, oxidizers and explosives shall not be transported where they can interact with liquid fuels. Fuel may be carried in the tanks of powered equipment, such as chainsaws, when the equipment is secured in an upright position, the tank is not over-filled or leaking, and the compartment in which it is carried is ventilated to prevent the accumulation of fuel vapors. Liquid fuel-powered equipment may also be transported on aircraft when the fuel tanks have been purged. When utilizing commercial aircraft, all requirements of 49 CFR 175 must be met.

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12.5.5 AIRCRAFT TRANSPORT OF FUSEES

Please refer to "Aviation Transport of Hazardous Materials", described above, (Chapter 6, Fusees/Flares) when utilizing aircraft under the exclusive direction and control of DOI or FS. Fusees, flares and other flammable solids should be transported in the original shipping containers whenever possible. All fusees must be packaged in a container, box or pack. Broken fusees and those with protective igniter caps removed shall not be transported in aircraft. Fusees that have been prepared for an aerial fusee gun are not required to have protective igniter covers. Fusees with spikes must be transported in strong wooden or fiberboard boxes that the spikes will not penetrate. Batteries, battery fluids, and explosives shall not be transported in a position that allows them to interact with fusees, flares or other flammable solids.

When being transported aboard commercial aircraft, generally, the requirements of **49 CFR 175** are that fusees must be in the original shipping package with proper placard and shipping papers (Flammable Solid, NA 1325); 50 Lbs Maximum in Passenger Aircraft: 200 Lbs Maximum in Cargo Only Aircraft. EACH AIRLINE AND EACH PILOT HAS THE OPTION OF REFUSING THE SHIPMENT.

 $\underline{\text{NO}}$ FUSEES ARE ALLOWED IN FIRE PACKS ON COMMERCIAL $\underline{\text{AIRLINES}}_{\,,}$

EVEN IF THE AIRCRAFT IS CHARTERED!

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13 - MOBILIZATION & DEMOBILIZATION

The Northwest Coordination Center provides for the cost-effective mobilization and demobilization of resources between the National Interagency Coordination Center, Northwest Federal Land Management Agencies, State Agencies and Cooperators commensurate with agency organizational practices.

13.0 WORK/REST, LENGTH OF COMMITMENT, AND REST AND RECUPERATION

Incident Commanders and Agency Administrators are to maintain safe, productive incident activities, which includes appropriate management of work and rest periods, assignment durations, and shift length for crews, overhead personnel, and support personnel. Refer to the Interagency Fire Business Management Handbook, NFES 2160, NWCG Amendment, 00-1, Effective 4/00, entire Section 12.7.

<u>Note</u>: When utilizing Oregon Department of Forestry and Washington Department of Natural Resources crews/overhead, the length of commitment is 14 days. All "reassignments" must be approved by the States' Coordination Centers in Salem or Olympia, and be properly documented on the Resource Order.

13.1 INITIAL ATTACK DEFINITION

Please refer to the National Mobilization Guide, Section 13.1.

Dispatch centers are to inform all resources of the name of the assigned incident commander and all other pertinent information. All changes in incident command leadership will be announced to assigned and incoming resources during initial and extended attack incidents. This information should also be relayed to fire management staff.

13.2 RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

- 1. The Emergency Operations Manager is responsible for scheduling and temporary reassignments of all shared resources. Tours of duty will be established and listed in Specific Action and Readiness Guide(s) (Refer to USFS 26.7). A current record of resource locations and status will be maintained and disseminated to Agencies and Cooperators.
- 2. Certain sensitive items and overhead positions will be ordered directly through the Northwest Coordination Center. They are: ICS Starter Kit (NFES 4390), 9600-Channel Radios, 500+ Person First Aid Station (NFES 1835), National Interagency Incident Management Teams, Comptroller, Fireline Explosives Teams, and Remote Automatic Weather Stations (RAWS/NFES 4281), and Remote Environmental Monitoring System (REMS/NFES 5800).
 - 3. Cache Managers will not accept cache requests from any source other than NWCC, Unit Dispatch Offices, National Cache Managers, or pre-designated

cooperating agency representatives.

4. When resources are mobilized and demobilized, all actions will be documented on Resource Order Forms. Interagency Centers may use their three-letter identifier on a Resource Order when the requested resource is being used to support the Interagency Center's operation. The Resource Order Number will include the Northwest Unit Identifiers, as listed in the following section.

13.2.1 NORTHWEST UNIT IDENTIFIERS:

NORTHWEST INTERAGENCY CENTERS

- BIC BURNS INTERAGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER
 (MAR, BFZ (BFZ includes BUD, Snow Mountain Ranger
 District of OCF, and the Burns Ranger District of MAF))
- COC CENTRAL OREGON INTERAGENCY DISPATCH CENTER (DEF, OCF, PRD, 95S)
- CWC CENTRAL WASHINGTON INTERAGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER (CBR, HFR, SAR, SES, WEF)
- EIC EUGENE INTERAGENCY COMMUNICATION CENTER (EUD, WIF)
- GPC GRANTS PASS INTERAGENCY FIRE CENTER (SIF, OCP, 71S)
- KFC KLAMATH FALLS INTERAGENCY FIRE CENTER (CLP, WNF, BVR, KLR, LOR, UKR, 98S)
- LFC LAKEVIEW INTERAGENCY FIRE CENTER (FRF, LAD, SHR, HAR, 98S)
- MIC -MEDFORD INTERAGENCY COMMUNICATION CENTER (RRF, MED)
- NOC NORTHEAST OREGON INTERAGENCY FIRE CENTER (WWF, 97S)
- NWC NORTHWEST INTERAGENCY COORDINATION CENTER (BIA, BLM, FS, NPS, FWS R1R in OR. and WA.)
- PIC PENDLETON INTERAGENCY COMMUNICATION CENTER (UMF, UMA, UMR, COR, MNR, MKR, TPR, 97S (PENDLETON UNIT), SES (BLUE MTN. AREA))
- PSC PUGET SOUND INTERAGENCY COORDINATION CENTER (OPA, PSA, QNT, MSF, OLF, PNP, KGP, MRP, NCP, OLP, SJP, WMP, COR, DNR, FLR, PRR, QLR, SNR. WIR,)

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NORTHWEST INTERAGENCY ZONES

BFZ - BURNS INTERAGENCY FIRE ZONE

REGION 6 NATIONAL FORESTS

CGF - COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE NSA

COF - COLVILLE R06 - REGIONAL OFFICE

DEF - DESCHUTES RRF - ROGUE RIVER

FRF - FREMONT SIF - SISKIYOU

GPF - GIFFORD PINCHOT SUF - SIUSLAW

MAF - MALHEUR UMF - UMATILLA

MHF - MT. HOOD UPF - UMPQUA

MSF - MT. BAKER-SNOQUALMIE WWF - WALLOWA-WHITMAN

OCF - OCHOCO WEF - WENATCHEE
OKF - OKANOGAN WIF - WILLAMETTE
OLF - OLYMPIC WNF - WINEMA

BIA AGENCY OFFICES

COA - COLVILLE AGENCY

MT-FHA - FLATHEAD AGENCY

ID-FHA - FORT HALL AGENCY

NIA - NORTHERN IDAHO AGENCY

OPA - OLYMPIC AGENCY

PAO - PORTLAND AREA OFFICE

PSA - PUGET SOUND AGENCY

QNT - QUINAULT NATION TRIBE

SIA - SILETZ AGENCY

SPA - SPOKANE AGENCY

UMA - UMATILLA AGENCY

WSA - WARM SPRINGS AGENCY

YAA - YAKAMA AGENCY

GRT - GRAND RONDE TRIBE

BLM DISTRICTS

BUD - BURNS DISTRICT PRD - PRINEVILLE DISTRICT

CBD - COOS BAY DISTRICT ROD - ROSEBURG DISTRICT

EUD - EUGENE DISTRICT SAD - SALEM DISTRICT

LAD - LAKEVIEW DISTRICT SPD - SPOKANE DISTRICT

MED - MEDFORD DISTRICT VAD - VALE DISTRICT

OSO - OREGON STATE OFFICE

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE UNITS

LRP - LAKE ROOSEVELT NRA

CLP - CRATER LAKE NP

FCP - FT. CLATSOP NM

FVP - FT. VANCOUVER NHS

JDP - JOHN DAY FOSSIL BEDS NM

KGP - KLONDIKE GOLD RUSH NHP

MRP - MT. RAINIER NP

NCP - NORTH CASCADES NP

OYP - OLYMPIC NP

OCP - OREGON CAVES NM

FVP - COLUMBIA CASCADES

SUPPORT OFFICE

SJP - SAN JUAN ISLAND NHS

MMP - WHITMAN MISSION NHS

U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE REFUGES in OREGON & WASHINGTON

AKR -	ANKENY NWR	NTR -	NESTUCCA BAY NWR
BKR -	BASKETT SLOUGH NWR	NQR -	NISQUALLY NWR
BMR -	BANDON MARSH NWR	ORR -	OREGON ISLANDS NWR
BVR -	BEAR VALLEY NWR	PIR -	PIERCE NWR
CBR -	COLUMBIA NWR	PRR -	PROTECTION ISLAND NWR
CNR -	CONBOY NWR	QLR -	QUILLAYUTE NEEDLES NWR
COR -	COLD SPRINGS NWR	RFR -	RIDGEFIELD NWR
COR -	COPALIS NWR	SAR -	SADDLE MOUNTAIN NWR
CPR -	CAPE MEARES NWR	SHR -	SHELDON-HART NWR
DNR -	DUNGENESS NWR	SIR -	SILETZ BAY NWR
FLR -	FLATTERY ROCKS NWR	SNR -	SAN JUAN ISLANDS NWR
GHR -	GRAY'S HARBOR NWR	SGR -	STEIGERWALD NWR
HFR -	HANFORD REACH NATIONAL MONUMENT	TAR -	THREE ARCH ROCKS NWR
HAR -	HART MTN NATIONAL ANTELOPE REFUGE	TPR -	TOPPENISH NWR
JHR -	JULIA BUTLER HANSEN NWR	TUR -	TUALATIN RIVER NWR
KLR -	KLAMATH MARSH NWR	TBR -	TURNBULL NWR
LAR -	LEWIS & CLARK NWR	UKR -	UPPER KLAMATH NWR
LOR -	LOWER KLAMATH NWR	UMR -	UMATILLA NWR
LPR -	LITTLE PEND OREILLE NWR	WTR -	WAPATO LAKE NWR
MAR -	MALHEUR NWR	WIR -	WASHINGTON ISLAND NWR
MKR -	MCKAY CREEK NWR	WLR -	WILLAPA NWR
MNR -	MCNARY NWR	WMR -	WILLIAM FINLEY NWR

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY

ORS -	STATE HEADQUARTERS	74S -	COOS DISTRICT
51S -	TILLAMOOK DISTRICT	75S -	DOUGLAS DISTRICT
52S -	ASTORIA DISTRICT	77s -	EASTERN LANE & LINN D.
53S -	FOREST GROVE DISTRICT	78S -	WESTERN LANE DISTRICT
55S -	WEST OREGON DISTRICT	95S -	CENTRAL OREGON DIST.
59S -	CLACKAMAS-MARION DISTRICT	97s -	NORTHEAST OREGON DIST.
71s -	SOUTHWEST OREGON DISTRICT	98S -	KLAMATH-LAKE DISTRICT
		99S -	WALKER RANGE DISTRICT

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

CES - CENTRAL REGION	OLS - OLYMPIC REGION
WAS - STATE HEADQUARTERS	SES - SOUTHEAST REGION
NES - NORTHEAST REGION	SPS - SOUTH PUGET REGION
NWS - NORTHWEST REGION	SWS - SOUTHWEST REGION

13.3 NATIONAL (SHARED) RESOURCES

Please refer to the National Mobilization Guide, Section 13.3

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13.4 NOTIFICATION OF COMMITMENT OF NATIONAL & AREA RESOURCES

NATIONAL SHARED RESOURCES. Host Units of National Shared Resources will immediately notify NWCC and others of the commitment of these resources by electronic mail utilizing the Northwest Coordination Center's E-Mail Address. Refer to NMG 13.3 and 13.4.

NORTHWEST AREA SHARED RESOURCES. Host Units of Northwest Area Shared Resources will immediately notify NWCC and neighboring units of the commitment of these resources by electronic mail and/or telephone.

13.5 FILL OR KILL PROCEDURE

When a request is received by the Northwest Coordination Center, the request will be sent to an appropriate unit for action. When the Unit is certain that they can fill the request, they will confirm this with NWCC, which will in turn confirm this with the requesting unit. The request does not necessarily have to be 100% filled at the time the Unit returns the call to NWCC, but the Unit must be confident that they will fill the request.

13.6 STANDARD CUBES, WEIGHT AND GEAR POLICY FOR ALL PERSONNEL ALL MOBILIZATIONS OUTSIDE THE NORTHWEST AREA WILL ADHERE TO LIMITATIONS SET FORTH IN THE NATIONAL MOBILIZATION GUIDE.

TYPE I or TYPE II TEAMS - When mobilized to an incident, a maximum of up to 30 pounds each of additional weight will be allowed to the Communications Unit Leader (e.g. computer & credit card machine), and the Air Tactical Group Supervisor (e.g. additional flight suits, radios & helmets). Incident Management Teams are allowed an extra 300 pounds of equipment in addition to the above weight exemptions. The distribution of the 300 pounds is to be determined by the Incident Commander.

INCIDENT MEDICAL SPECIALISTS - When dispatched outside the Northwest Area, Incident Medical Specialists may carry an extra 30 pounds of medical supplies. When dispatched within the Northwest Area, the Incident Medical Specialist will be allowed to carry an extra 40 pounds of medical supplies, IMS Assistants will be allowed an extra 30 pounds for medical supplies, and IMS Technicians will be allowed an extra 25 pounds for medical supplies.

SMOKE JUMPERS - Please refer to NMG Section 62.2.

RAPPELLERS AND HELICOPTER MANAGERS are each allowed up to 95 pounds of specialized equipment. This weight includes 45 pounds for a frameless, soft fire-pack, 20 pounds for Line gear (belly-bag, web-gear or briefcase), and an additional 30 pounds for rappel or helicopter manager gear. Please refer to NMG Section 64.

13.7 STRIKE TEAMS

Please refer to the National Mobilization Guide, Section 13.7.

13.8 WILDLAND FIRE WEATHER FORECASTS

The National Weather Service will distribute morning fire weather forecasts, afternoon updates, fire weather watches, and red flag warnings as specified in their annual operating plan. All dispatch and coordination centers, and unit dispatchers, will be responsible for distributing the weather information to firefighters and incident management personnel at initial attack bases, staging areas, field locations, and incidents with resources committed to initial/extended attack.

Note: Please refer to the current National Weather Service Operating Plan.

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